

## The Intelligencer.

## WINTER HOUSEHOLD GAMES.

A Few Innocent Tricks for the Amusement of the Home Circle.

(From the Augusta Chronicle.)

Now that the winter is upon us the little folk want something new in the way of festive entertainments.

## THE CANDLE TRICK.

One of the simplest tricks in this department of festive entertainments is the candle trick. Take a common candle in a brass candlestick, light it, and let it stand until it has a good head on. Then let one of the children—a boy about four or five years old—beast—place the candle in a brass candlestick, light it, and let it stand until it has a good head on. Then let one of the children—a boy about four or five years old—beast—place the candle in a brass candlestick, light it, and let it stand until it has a good head on.

## THE EGG TRICK.

Procure a large egg, Brahma eggs are the best, and on the large end draw a cross with a lead pencil, and on the opposite end draw a smaller cross in ink. Place the egg—after shading the pencil marks and permitting them to dry—on the next time they see it—upon the head of the oldest boy present, or, if there is a grand-father handy with a bald head, balance the egg on his head. Then let one of the company take a large bowl and fill it with water, and let the egg hard enough to break it. To the surprise of everybody the egg will be unbroken at the first blow. Then you can show the person on whose head it was balanced the two crosses marked on the egg to prove that it was the same egg that he saw in the bowl, but he will probably say that it is not the same egg. This is not a very difficult trick, and can be quite easily learned, but care should be exercised in the selection of the egg. An egg that has been manufactured before the war would be apt to create a unpleasantness if it should be used in the trick.

## THE DOG TRICK.

This trick is not always easy to be performed, on account of the necessity of introducing a strange dog into the family circle. You must entice a strange dog, the more unobtainable the better, into the room. Then let one of the company take hold of its ears and hold the dog still while another ties its tail in a bow-knot. If the dog has been properly trained and does his part of the trick promptly there will be four or five legs in that room chuck full of dog's teeth before the children are laid in that knot. This will teach the children to let a dog's tail retain the shape which nature has given it. Any dog of ordinary sagacity can be taught to perform this trick in two or three days' practice. A terrier is generally a good dog for this purpose, as he is a small dog, and can be easily handled, and a bull-dog, because it doesn't hold on so long and knows when he has had enough.

## THE CHAIR TRICK.

You can derive a never-ending fund of amusement by properly improving a common chair. With an ordinary hand saw cut off about an inch and a half of the right front leg of the chair and round the same leg from the left hand side. Then place the chair in a conspicuous place. No matter which of the legs it is that will rest upon anybody sits down in it, and it will immediately keep on the other one, and the party using it will and shriek in the liveliest terror. No honest person will be without one of these chairs. They will be found very useful in the case of visitors who drop in about dinner time.

## A Wonderful Pair of Boots.

While seated around a good warm fire at a hotel, a few evenings since, a social party amused themselves between drinks by cracking jokes and telling stories. One of the party, whose silver locks and beard seen the frosts of eighty winters, related the following: His father bought a pair of boots, and wore them on Sundays, holidays and once a week to prayer meetings, and on general training days, for forty years; then gave them to his oldest son, who wore them all one winter; then they descended to himself, and he wore them constantly for two years. The representative of the American thought he would reduce the actual wear of that pair of boots to days, which he has done with the following result:

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## A Dictionary Wanted.

(From the Chicago Journal.)

A Chicago woman who had been reading about the whisky frauds in the paper turned to her husband, last evening, and inquired:

"My dear, what do the papers mean by saying that a man has 'equaled'?"

"Why," replied the man, loftily, "they mean that some member of the ring has 'peached' on the rest."

"Peached on the rest?" exclaimed the wife. "now what does that mean?"

"Why it means that he's 'blew' on 'em."

"How'd you see 'em?"

"Yes, you see, he's given 'em away."

"Given them away?"

"Why, of course—dummit! Can't you understand anything? Do you think I'm an uneducated dictionary?" continued the husband, impatiently. "—one means he's 'blew' 'em out on 'em'—gone back on his pals"—"equaled"—you know?"

The woman did not seem quite satisfied with the man's lucid explanation; but, not wishing to appear ignorant in her husband's eyes, she remarked, "Ah, yes I see!" and forebore further questioning.

## A Word of Caution to Hon. J. Hanson Good.

(From the Missouri County Register.)

Billy Burdett went for Hans Good, the impeacher, on the streets of Wheeling, a few days before Christmas. Old John S. with parental solicitude for his son and partner in the treasury business, took a hand in threatening for the impeacher. The busy B. in making that after their acquittal, which is a foregone conclusion, they will make things lively for all who have been talking about the impeachments.

## The Intelligencer's calendar is one of the best jobs of printing, of these and kind, we ever saw.—Preston County Journal.

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## WHAT KILLED THE BABY.

## A Sanitary Lesson in Keeping With the Weather.

In a recent issue of *Home Science* appeared the following little sketch from real life, which is worthy of attention:

"Wife, what can it be that smells so bad in the rooms upstairs? I have noticed it now for several mornings while 'dressing.'"

"Oh, I suppose there must be a dead rat or mouse somewhere about the flooring or in the carpets. I have noticed it myself several times early in the morning and in the evening, but during the day have not observed it. But I will have a thorough clearing out and cleaning of all the closets, and so, perhaps, find the dead animal."

"Well, I hope so, for I am half inclined to think that the headache and feeling of lassitude I have experienced the last few days must be attributed to this unpleasant odor; it even has nauseated me the last two mornings so that I could not enjoy my breakfast."

"And now, as you speak of it, I have also been suffering with a headache and bad taste, and feeling of weariness and dizziness for some days past, and little Kate seems quite unwilling to-day—feverish and worrisome. Won't you tell the doctor call, for I really am afraid she is going to have some fever, she appears so dull and listless."

Seated at the breakfast table, endeavoring to force down some breakfast against a rebellious stomach, and with the wife's words ringing in her ears, the doctor called to the nurse to hurry up stairs, for the "baby is in a fit." "Run for the doctor!" was the cry. He comes, looks wise, feels the pulse, asks some hurried questions: "What has the baby eaten—candies, raisins, apples or too much of anything? Is the mother well? No, nothing of the kind. Perhaps, then, it is teething, and the reflex irritation of the dental nerves has affected his brain, producing convulsions. Get hot water and mustard, quickly, while I cut his gums."

The fit soon passes over, but baby is still feverish, and continues so day after day. The rooms are not ventilated so frequently by opening the windows and doors, as the baby is too ill to bear the light and exposure to cold air, while father and mother are both complaining of illness. Baby is gradually prostrated by feeble vitality, and it succumbs. The doctor is puzzled, can't say what was the cause, or call the fever by any name except typhoid or low debilitating fever, which has exhausted the little patient. Now the mother sickness and presents some of the same symptoms of fever, it is now forlornly sick as books do not exactly describe; puzzles the doctor, who sees his patient gradually sinking, notwithstanding stimulants and tonics, antiparasitics or other medicines. A consultation is asked, and fortunately a practical sanitarian is called in. He examines the children, and he says the local cause for this special fever, "Has any bad odor been noticed?" "No, yes, for some time past; but we supposed it was a dead rat. Could not find it, however."

Well, my dear sir, there must be something wrong about the drainage-pipes of your house, some leak of poisonous gases. This matter must be looked into. Send for your plumber, and I will examine the conditions with him, for if you leave it to him alone he will probably find nothing wrong." Plumber arrives, and searches carefully from top of house to bottom; all the waste pipes are found well trapped and sound, apparently; descending to the cellar we find one of the joints of the main waste, or soil pipe, which is not properly packed, the mortar soft and pulverized, and a very offensive odor escaping from it, which passes along the pipe which is let into the side wall, and thus it enters between the flooring and ceiling, and escapes through the cracks in the boards of the side-walls into the rooms above. The practiced sanitarian is now satisfied of the source of the poison that has already claimed one victim and is holding on with a death-grip to the other; the two who have been white with cold, and the mother, who has been exposed to its influences day and night. Fortunately, his advice and warning are heeded and the defect remedied. Pure air in abundance is admitted, the poison diluted and eradicated, and by the help of a good constitution and proper treatment the patient recovers.

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL BY TELEGRAPH.

## New York Money and Stocks.

NEW YORK, January 17.—Money—5 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper scarce at 6 1/2 per cent. Custom receipts, \$331,000. Clearings \$3,000,000.

## GOLD—Opened and closed at 113, with sales in the interim at 113 1/2. The rates paid for carrying were 4, 3 1/2, and 4 1/2 per cent.

## GOVERNMENTS—Strong and higher, with an active investment demand.

UNITED STATES OF 1881, coupon—12 1/2.

Five-Twenties (1881) new—117 1/2. Five-Twenties (1881) old—117 1/2. Ten-Forties (1881) new—117 1/2. Ten-Forties (1881) old—117 1/2. Ten-Forties (coupons)—117 1/2. Currency Sixes—117 1/2.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

ST. PAUL AND NORTHERN PACIFIC—100. ST. PAUL AND NORTHERN PACIFIC—100. ST. PAUL AND NORTHERN PACIFIC—100.

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